



# Richard Lee Wight

DEC 24, 1934 - SEP 4, 2014



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**R**ichard Lee (Dick) Wight, 79, of Fredericksburg Virginia, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at Mary Washington Hospital after waging a 30 year battle with spinal cord disease.

He was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, the son of Gayle Lee Wight and Evelyn B. Wight. He was raised in Nebraska, in Iowa, and in Rock Island, Illinois. Subsequent to graduating from the University of Illinois, he served in the U.S. Army and then worked as a professional engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers until his retirement. While stationed at Fort Belvoir, he met his wife, Jean, who was a nursing student at Alexandria Hospital. They raised their six children in Woodbridge, VA where Dick was actively involved in community, school, and church activities for more than 30 years. He and Jean retired to the Charlottesville, Virginia area in 1992 where they lived until 2008.

He was a true Renaissance man and delighted in sharing that he peaked in 1936 when he was crowned the Grand Champion Healthy Baby Boy at the Nebraska State Fair. Throughout his life he demonstrated the true meaning of courage, strength, and humor which is the legacy he passed on to anyone who knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years Jean (Ann) Wight as well as their six children, Laurie Louise Roche of Fredericksburg, Virginia, Richard Gayle Wight (Bob Mardesich) of Los Angeles California, Elizabeth "Lisa" Tatum (Eric) of Lake Ridge, Virginia, John Michael Wight (Patrick Defreitas) of Atlanta, Georgia, Patricia Jean Schott (Wallace) of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and Rebekah Lee Schlatter (Joseph) of Nokesville Virginia. He is also survived by his seven grandchildren, Kyle Tatum, Kevin Tatum, Sara Schott, Augustus Schott, Margaret Roche, Joseph Schlatter, IV, and Jackson Schlatter, as well as sister Janet S. Lester of Watauga, Texas, sister Evelyn E. Morrissey of Vernon, Texas, Mother-in law Helen L. Hoover of Painesville, Ohio, brother-in-law Martin J. Hoover of Painesville, Ohio, sister-in-law M. Christine Steiner of Fairfax, VA, and numerous nieces and nephews.



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He was preceded in death by his parents Gayle Lee and Evelyn B. Wight, his younger brother Stephen Farris Wight, father-in-law John L. Hoover Sr. and brother-in-law John L. Hoover Jr.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at 10:00 am, Friday, September 12, 2014, at St. Jude Catholic Church, 10725 Courthouse Road, Fredericksburg. Interment will follow the service at Quantico National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of donations in his name to the Benedictine Sisters of Virginia, Benedictine Sisters of Virginia and their Ministries, 9535 Linton Hall Road, Bristow, VA, 20136.

Online condolences may be expressed to Dick's family at [foundandsons.com](http://foundandsons.com).



## Service

- Friday**, September 12, 2014
- 10:00 AM ET
- St. Jude's Catholic Church**  
9600 Caritas Street, Fredericksburg VA 22408



## Cemetery Details

- Quantico National Cemetery**  
18424 Joplin Road, Triangle VA 22172





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DM

**Donald Morisky** posted:

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to you, Richard, and your family during this time of bereavement. Donald and Susan Morisky UCLA Fielding School of Public Health Department of Community Health Sciences

September 16 at 10:54 AM

RW

**Richard Wight** September 19 at 7:56 AM

Thank you, Don.

TA

**Toni Aikens** posted:

Lisa, I would like to offer my condolences to you and your family in this time of bereavement may God continue to bless you and the family. Toni Aikens

September 12 at 5:24 AM

LT

**Lisa Tatum** September 13 at 3:57 PM

Thank you so much, Toni.

LS

**Lincoln Saludez** posted:

Ms. Wight and family: Mr. Wight has been a great inspiration to me through his courage and a strong will to embrace life. I learned a lot from our daily conversations. Our deepest love and sympathy and prayers that the Lord will comfort you and give you peace in your grieving moments. We love you Ms. Anne. From the Saludez's (Lincoln, Chris, Nico, Niki and Bear)

September 12 at 3:12 AM

RW

**Richard Wight** September 19 at 7:59 AM

Thank you, Lincoln, Chris and family. We could not have done it without you.

AF

**Andy Fegruson** posted:

Jean My thought and prayers are with you. As is written, "well done, good and faithful servant" That he was, with you by his side the whole time. God bless. Andy and Jenny Ferguson

September 11 at 11:13 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Wight family.



September 11 at 5:56 AM



**Phillip De Freitas** posted:

Please accept our condolences on the loss of your beloved husband & father. With deepest sympathy, Phillip de Freitas, Michael Matteo & Diane Lucky

September 10 at 1:17 AM



**Patty Schott** September 10 at 9:50 AM

Thank you for your kind words.



**Lisa Tatum** September 10 at 6:05 AM

Thank you so much.



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Wight family.



September 10 at 1:11 AM



**Susan Dooley** posted:

Rebecca, my deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. May you find the comfort and peace that you seek and may the soul of your loved one rest in peace. My prayers are with you -Susan Dooley

September 9 at 3:59 PM



**Rebekah** September 12 at 2:16 PM

Thanks Susan



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**Odilia Richards** posted:

To the Wight/Tatum family, our prayers and sincerest sentiments are with you and your loved ones during this time. Sincerely your, Dominion Virginia Power Woodbridge Family

September 9 at 3:25 AM

LT

**Lisa Tatum** September 9 at 8:17 AM

Thank you so very much from our family. Lisa Tatum

LS

**Loyes Spayd** posted:

I have known Jean and Dick for 35+ years. I watched Jean give up her career and devote her life to full time care of her husband (and continue to raise her children) and love the grandkids as they came along. Not once did I hear either one of them complain about the hand life had dealt them. Their incredible sense of humor and deep faith were (and in Jean's case will continue to be) truly inspirational. Dick's suffering has at long last ended. May you truly rest in peace, dear heart. My love and many prayers to this entire wonderful family. Love, Loyes Spayd

September 8 at 8:16 AM

LT

**Lisa Tatum** September 11 at 10:47 AM

Thank you for your love and support of our parents over the years.

DJ

**Debbie Jewell** posted:

Our most sincere sympathy goes out to all of Dick's family and friends - could we have been so lucky to him in person, we are at least fortunate to know of him through his daughter and our friend - Lisa. Please know, we are grateful for his service to our Country and our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We will indeed honor his memory! Hugs, Deb and Greg Hair

September 8 at 7:40 AM

LT

**Lisa Tatum** September 9 at 8:19 AM

Thank you so much, Deb and Greg.



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JS

**June Chambers Stoner** posted:

Dick & I were classmates at Rock Island High, Class of '53. As you know, he was a very popular young man...very intelligent, athletic and a good friend to many. I shall always remember him and only wish he could have joined us at the class reunions. So many always inquired about him. What great memories you must have of this special person. Sympathy to all. June Chambers Stoner

September 8 at 6:20 AM

LT

**Lisa Tatum** September 11 at 10:48 AM

Thank you for your kind words.

AC

**Angie Castillo** posted:

Lisa - please accept my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

September 8 at 5:59 AM

LT

**Lisa Tatum** September 9 at 8:20 AM

Thank you, Angie.

SD

**Shana Durbin** posted:

Lisa and family- I am SO terribly sorry to learn of your loss. It is never easy to lose someone, let alone a beloved father. Please know that my love is with you at this sad time.

September 8 at 5:41 AM

LT

**Lisa Tatum** September 9 at 8:20 AM

Thank you, Shana.



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**Daria** posted:

I am terribly sorry for your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayer during this difficult time. Sincerely, Daria Dorn-Mosley

September 8 at 5:41 AM



**Lisa Tatum** September 9 at 8:21 AM

Thank you, Daria.



**Paul Schloemer** posted:

My deepest prayers and condolences to all the Wight family. John, there are a bunch of us trying to find you and express our sympathy. If you'd like to get in touch, my e-mail is schlomy@alumni.nd.edu. - Paul Schloemer

September 7 at 6:25 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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